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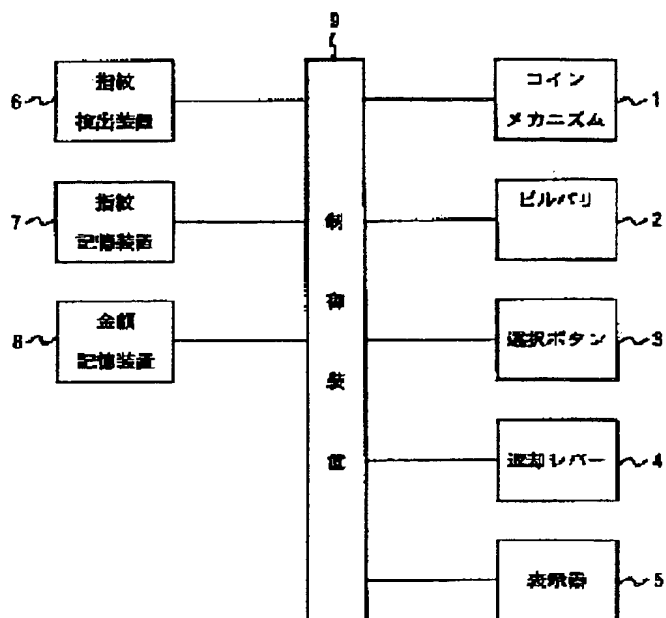
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TITLE : AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a cashless automatic vending machine unnecessitating both cash and a card in case of merchandise purchase.

SOLUTION: The fingerprint of an estimated customer is stored in a fingerprint storage device 7 and that fingerprint and an amount are correspondently stored in an amount storage device 8. When vending merchandise, the fingerprint of a customer is detected by a fingerprint detector 6 and collated with the fingerprint stored in the fingerprint storage device 7 by a controller 9. When they are coincident, while referring to the amount stored in the amount storage device 8 corresponding to the fingerprint, the controller 9 performs control concerning vending of merchandise.

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